

Sec. 18-146. - License required.

Every person engaged in or who shall engage in the business or capacity of a contractor as defined in section 18-116 shall procure and maintain at all times while so engaged a city license.

(Code 1986, § 33.03)

Sec. 18-147. - Business tax receipt applicable.

Article IV of chapter 66, insofar as the requirements for a local business tax receipt may be applicable and not in conflict, shall apply to and govern the issuance of any license under this article.

(Code 1986, § 33.04; Res. No. 06-292, § 1, 9-6-2006)

Sec. 18-148. - Limit of apprentices in certain trades.

In any and all trades in which a certificate of competency is required, apprentices shall be limited to not more than two apprentices per skilled craftsman.

(Code 1986, § 33.05)

Sec. 18-149. - Certification requirement, reciprocity.

Every person, who, under the terms of this Code, is required to hold a certificate of competency, and who, upon the effective date of Ordinance No. 80-19, holds a current certificate of competency issued by the city and shall be entitled to a certificate of competency without examination, but such certificate shall be subject to any restrictions and limitations carried by the current city certificate and shall entitle the holder of such certificate to do business only in the city. Evidence to be considered to warrant such entitlement shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:

(1) Proof that written examination given by the city was successfully passed by the applicant.

(2) Letters from the county building department, stating that applicant has successfully passed the Experior Assessments LLC examination proctored by the county, and reciprocity is agreeable with the county.

(Code 1986, § 33.14; Ord. No. 01-07, § 2, 7-3-2001)

Sec. 18-150. - Certificate of competency required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor, subcontractor, specialty contractor, electrician or maintenance personnel or perform any trade, as defined in section 18-116, anywhere within the city limits without a current valid certificate of competency issued by the building official having jurisdiction over the several trades concerned. Specialty contractors shall be subject to the requirements of sections 18-152 and 18-154 regarding applications and examinations.

(b) Any person not possessing a current certificate of competency and holding himself out as plaintiff or defendant in any court of this state or advertising in a newspaper or otherwise to be a contractor shall be subject to the provisions and penalties of this article, and a certified copy of such court records or a copy of the newspaper or other advertising making such an assertion shall be prima facie evidence in court or in any other proceeding authorized by this article that the person purported to have the capacity to act as a contractor.

(Code 1986, § 33.08)

Sec. 18-151. - Certificate prerequisite to issuance of business tax receipt.

Whenever a city business tax receipt is required of any contractor or subcontractor, no such business tax receipt shall be issued unless the applicant shall first procure from the building department a current certificate of competency and shall present a copy to the license division.

(Code 1986, § 33.09; Res. No. 06-292, § 1, 9-6-2006)

Sec. 18-152. - Application for contractor's certificate.

A contractor's certificate of competency shall be obtained in the following manner:

(1) Any person required or desiring to be qualified as a contractor shall make application on a form prescribed by the building department at the office of the building director of the building department.

(2) If the applicant is a firm, the application shall be executed by the president, or one legally qualified to act for the firm shall show his authority to so act on the application and shall name an authorized agent on behalf of the firm showing his authority to:

- a. Act for the firm in all matters in any manner connected with the contracting business;
- b. Supervise the construction under the business tax receipt issued to the firm; and
- c. Take the qualifying examination for the firm, unless holding a current certificate of competency of the class and type necessary.

The firm shall be qualified only through the qualifications of such agent taking the examination or through an agent currently qualified. If the agent (qualifier) shall sever his affiliation with such firm, the certificate of competency held by such firm shall be automatically canceled. An agent (qualifier) shall be registered to the work of the firm he is currently qualifying.

(3) No application shall be considered unless the applicant gives all information required on the form, which shall include the following:

- a. A statement of the applicant's proposed contracting business.
- b. The type of certificate being applied for.
- c. Name, residence, business address of the applicant.

d. If the applicant is a firm, the name and business address of the firm and the names and residences of all directors and officers of the firm and their interest therein, and the name and residence of the applicant's qualified representative and information contained in this subsection; if the applicant is a corporation, a certificate of incorporation.

(4) The building director shall notify the applicant of the next regular examination and shall notify the board of examiners of the application prior to its next regular meeting and shall make such additional investigation as may be directed by the board.

(Code 1986, § 33.10; Res. No. 06-292, § 1, 9-6-2006)

Sec. 18-153. - Application for certificate of competency.

A certificate of competency for personnel shall be obtained in the following manner:

(1) Any person required or desiring to be qualified as a master, journeyman or maintenance personnel shall make an application on a form prescribed by the building department at the office of the building director. The application shall be retained by the department together with all supporting papers.

(2) The building director shall notify the applicant of the next examination.

(Code 1986, § 33.11)

Sec. 18-154. - Examinations; issuance.

(a) Examinations required under this article shall be of the type as furnished by Experior Assessments # LLC.

(b) The building director shall not issue a certificate of competency unless he finds that the applicant or, if the applicant is a firm, the qualified representative has made a passing grade of 70 percent or higher on the written examination and has the necessary experience for the type of certificate applied for.

(Code 1986, § 33.12; Ord. No. 01-07, § 1 (33.12), 7-3-2001)

Sec. 18-155. - Temporary certificates.

Any person who has in his possession a current license or certificate as a master or journeyman issued by any state, county or municipality in the United States certifying that the holder has been examined and found competent to perform the work of a master or journeyman shall, after making application for the next examination, be issued a temporary certificate by the building director authorizing such master or journeyman to work in the capacity of a journeyman. Such certificate shall be issued only upon written request of the employing contractor. Failure to take or pass the examination shall automatically terminate such certificate, and the employing contractor shall return the certificate to the building director. No further certificate shall be issued to the applicant unless he shall take and pass an examination.

(Code 198

6, § 33.13)

Sec. 18-156. - Use of name of licensee prohibited.

No person licensed by the city pursuant to this article shall allow his name to be used by any other person, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of obtaining a permit or doing work under the license of such person. Any person found guilty in the municipal court of permitting the use of his name in this manner shall be guilty of an offense, and in addition thereto, shall forfeit his license to do work in the city for a period of one year.

(Code 1986, § 31.072)

Sec. 18-157. - Employment of unlicensed persons prohibited.

(a) No licensed person shall employ any person required to be certified pursuant to this article to work unless the person has in his possession a certificate of competency as provided for in section 18-150.

(b) No person shall do work of any character which requires a license outside, inside or attached to buildings or premises, whether for permanent or temporary work, in the city unless he is employed by and works under the direct supervision of a licensed person who is duly certified as provided for in this Code.

(Code 1986, § 31.073)

Sec. 18-158. - Reexamination.

Where a certificate issued pursuant to this article has been revoked or has expired or lapsed for any reason, the board of examiners may require complete reexamination before a certificate of competency is renewed or reinstated.

(Code 1986, § 33.15)

Sec. 18-159. - Examination and renewal fees.

(a) Examination fees are as follows:

- (1) Standard technical exam \$100.00
- (2) Standard business and law exam 100.00

(b) Under this article, the renewal fee shall cover two years, and the renewal fee is due on October 1 of each odd-numbered year. A delinquent charge of ten percent will be added for all renewals after November 15 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) Renewal fees shall be \$15.00 per year for all categories if proper application for renewal is completed within 24 calendar months of the expiration date of the certificate of competency. Renewal applicants properly completing an application more than 24 but less than 60 months after the certificate's expiration shall pay, in addition to the renewal fee of \$10.00, an administrative fee of \$25.00 and shall receive the certificate only upon providing to the chief building official reasonable evidence of continued proficiency in the work for which the certificate is issued. An applicant whose certificate has been expired for more than 60 consecutive months shall be reexamined.

(Code 1986, § 33.16; Ord. No. 01-07, § 1(33.16), 7-3-2001)

Sec. 18-160. - Certificate number; state certified number.

(a) Any person who advertises in a newspaper, by handbills, signs (vehicles included), or any other printed matter that he will perform construction work or give estimates and holding himself out as qualified to perform such work must also include his permanent certificate of competency or state-certified number in such ad.

(b) This number shall also be affixed to all estimates, proposals, and contracts for work.

(Code 1986, § 33.17)

Sec. 18-161. - Suspension, revocation.

The certificate of competency issued by the city to a contractor may be suspended for a fixed term or revoked by the contractors examining board's determination by a majority vote of the entire board after hearing if the contractor, as an individual or the firm by its officers, directors or qualified representative, has violated any of the following provisions of this section. The suspension or revocation of a certificate of competency shall automatically suspend or revoke, as the case may be, any business tax receipt issued by the city. The contractors examining board shall suspend or revoke a contractor's certificate of competency if it is found that the contractor has:

(1) Been adjudicated bankrupt.

(2) Failed to maintain continually during the life of the certificate of competency appropriate liability and property damage insurance with an insurance company authorized to do business in the state as follows:

Type Contractor	of Liability	Property Damage
General (class A)	\$300,000.00	\$50,000.00
Building (class B)	300,000.00	50,000.00
All others	100,000.00	50,000.00

A certificate of insurance shall contain the information required by the state in F.A.C. 61G4-15.003(2), a copy of which is on file in the city clerk's office. Certificates shall be filed with the secretary of the contractors examining board. The board may reinstate a revoked certificate of competency when the contractor obtains sufficient insurance coverage under this subsection. This subsection shall constitute an affirmative requirement of contractors to obtain liability and property damage insurance in accordance with the terms required in this subsection.

(3) Violated any of the sections of this article.

(Code 1986, § 33.18; Res. No. 06-292, § 1, 9-6-2006)